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Fort Bliss: Youth escape rigors of life at outing, OP Purple Camp ▶ [Article](#)

## Firefighters earn Army applause

Fort Rucker community members can take comfort in knowing their firefighting force is top notch.



Four Fort Rucker and 6th Military Police Detachment - Fire Protection Division firefighters recently earned Army and Installation Management Command Southeast awards for heroism and excellence. FPD training

Noncommissioned Officer-in-charge Staff Sgt. Jack Bradstreet captured the 2008 Department of the Army Military Fire Officer of the Year, marking the third consecutive year a local firefighter earned the award. ▶ [Article](#)

## Postal platoon Soldiers deliver themselves home

For 15 months, 17 Soldiers from 3rd Platoon, 566th Postal



Company, delivered thousands of pounds of mail through three different Army post offices in the region of Baghdad, Iraq. Their last delivery may be their most memorable, as it was the one that brought them back to Stuttgart on July 29. Family, friends and fellow Soldiers

welcomed back the platoon members as they filed into the Panzer Kaserne Fitness Center, bringing an end to a deployment that began in May 2008. ▶ [Article](#)

## An injured Soldier re-emerges as a sprinter

The decision came only days after Jerrod Fields, a U.S. Army corporal on a 2005 reconnaissance mission in Baghdad, had his left ankle and foot mutilated by a roadside bomb. After managing to drive his four troop mates back to base — valor that earned him a Bronze Star — Fields woke up in a hospital in Germany with a choice: have surgery and be discharged, or amputate and stay a soldier. "Cut it off," he said he told doctors. "I want to go back to Iraq. But the next medal Fields accepts could come in London. Four years after taking his first tentative steps on a prosthetic foot, Fields now sprints so fast that he is considered a top United States prospect for the 2012 Paralympic Games. ▶ [Article](#) ▶ [MWR Web site](#)





## Covenant news



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## McCoy personnel participate in pre-game

Two dozen Soldiers from Fort McCoy played leading roles in the opening ceremonies at a La Crosse baseball game July 24. The Soldiers' participation was part of the installation's support of the Army's celebration of the Year of the NCO. Staff Sgt. Christopher Williams, an observer-controller-trainer with the 340th Training Support



Battalion, 181st Infantry Brigade, threw out one of two ceremonial first pitches of the U.S. Military All-Stars versus La Crosse All-Stars game at The Lumberyard ball field at Copeland Park. ▶ [Article](#)

## Soldier takes silver at world shotgun competition

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Soldier Spc. Jeff Holguin took home a silver medal Aug 13, in Men's Double Trap at the 2009 International Sport Shooting Federation Shotgun World Championships in Maribor, Slovenia. Holguin hit 144 out of a possible 150 targets in the qualification round and scored a 42 in the finals, missing out on the gold



medal by four targets to Italy's Francesco D'Aniello, the 2008 Olympic silver medalist. Holguin, a 2008 Olympian, was joined in the final round by USAMU teammates Staff Sgt. Josh Richmond and Sgt. Glenn Eller, the 2008 Olympic gold medalist, giving the Army three competitors to earn a berth in the final round of six. Eller finished fourth in the world and Richmond followed his comrade in fifth place. ▶ [Article](#)

## Message of loss and hope for suicide prevention

Maj. Gen. Mark Graham's resume reads like a who's who of an aspiring career Soldier - service in Desert Storm, first active duty Army colonel to command a National Guard brigade in peacetime, director of the largest military evacuation following the Hurricane Katrina devastation in New Orleans, deputy commander of the U.S. Army North at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and currently the commander of Division West and Fort Carson, Colo. Graham's resume includes numerous other assignments in his 32 years of military service along with numerous awards and decorations. But, in coming years, Graham may become best known for the losses he and his wife and their daughter have suffered during the past six years - the suicide death of son Kevin, a top ROTC cadet, in 2003, and the death of son Jeff, a second lieutenant, in 2004 as a result of a roadside bomb explosion in Iraq. ▶ [Article](#)





## Year of the NCO news



Fort Leavenworth: U.S. Army North NCOs adapt to new challenges during Vibrant Response 2009 ▶ [Article](#)

Year of the Noncommissioned Officer  
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Fort Bragg NCO earns spot on U.S. Archery team ▶ [Article](#)

Local Alaska community honors NCO of the Year ▶ [Article](#)



Fort Richardson: MP NCOs lead team into Warrior Police Challenge ▶ [Article](#)

Iraqi, U.S. Soldiers welcomed to NCO corps together ▶ [Article](#)



Building the NCO backbone ▶ [Article](#)

## Force protection news

### Antiterrorism Awareness

■ AT awareness training is required annually and is conducted by unit antiterrorism officer or the director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, Antiterrorism/Force Protection branch

■ receive briefing prior to travel overseas:

- Deployment
- PCS
- Leisure

## Soldiers honored at Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen ceremony

Soldiers of the 208th Regional Support Group Headquarters



Company were honored during a Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen ceremony August 8 at Army Community Service. The 208th recently completed a 13-month deployment in support of the Global War on Terror.

"Their work ensured that America continues to take the fight to the terrorists and

extremists," said U.S. Senator John Cornyn. "They gave the Iraqi people the space and time they needed in order to build their democracy." Participating in the ceremony were Cornyn; Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw, commander, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School. ▶ [Article](#)

## BOSS group wins runner-up award

United States Army Garrison-Yongsan Garrison took runner-up



honors at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers' Forum for its entry to the Best Installation/Display for a medium-size garrison at the 2009 Army BOSS event in Virginia last week. Accepting the award for USAG-

Yongsan, from left to right, Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Rusch, Pfc. Lakeisha Lowery, Park Mu-yong, Sgt. Bryon McGahey, and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command Sgt. Maj. Abe Vega. "This national forum recognizes the best of the best, and Yongsan is in the best of the best with their BOSS program," Rusch said. "Yongsan continues to lead the way." ▶ [Article](#)

## Partnership earns honors for German City, Army Garrison

The U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's long-standing commitment to



environmental stewardship captured the secretary of Defense's Overseas Installation Environmental Quality award for 2009. The garrison environmental management division's programs ensure the installation complies with local, state and federal regulations of both the United States and Germany. Indeed,

sustaining and protecting the environment is a two-way street, in which the U.S. Army garrison and Bamberg host-nation community work together. "The city is helping us in several ways," said Uwe Rauch, chief of the environmental management division. "As soon as there is a new law, they are informing us right away. They support our events and help to promote good environmental practices. We can always depend on them and contact them if we need support." ▶ [AEC's Update](#) ▶ [Archive](#)



## Safety news

Wiesbaden: Travel health tips – Get smart before you depart ▶ [Article](#)



Service members risk permanent damage if they ignore hearing protection ▶ [Article](#)

Fort Benning: Unauthorized gear risky to Soldiers ▶ [Article](#)

White Sands: Teach back to school safety for walking, riding or biking ▶ [Article](#)

Comprehensive Soldier fitness ▶ [Article](#)

## Transformation Quiz #16

After IMCOM transforms, Garrisons will interact with IMCOM, either through the RIST (at the Region) or directly with the FST (at IMCOM Headquarters). Business rules have been established as guidance to what actions must go through the RIST. Which of the following is NOT a current business rule that requires action going through the RIST:

- a) Serious incident report
- b) Routine weekly data call
- c) Taskings with GO/SES visibility
- d) Customer complaints or feedback

Answers will appear weekly on the IMCOM Transformation Web page, [Click here](#).

## Installation paper of the week



White Sands Missile Range Ranger

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## Army Civilians inducted into Senior Fellows Program

Twelve civilians selected by the Army secretariat board have been



inducted into the Senior Fellows Program where they will spend the next two to three years undergoing executive education and professional experience. The Army Senior Fellows is a leadership program designed to identify and develop high-potential Civilian leaders at

the GS-15 equivalent level, who are capable of meeting the complex demands and challenges of the changing national security environment. The program reinforces leadership skills and supports advanced learning through developmental assignments, executive education and mentoring. ▶ [Article](#)

## Family's popularity rises with Army advertising campaign

As the spouse of a command sergeant major, Ingrid Murray is accustomed to talking to Soldiers and their spouses about things and events that affect their lives. Now, thanks to an Army media campaign, the Murrays are unofficial faces of the Army Family Covenant. Ingrid, her son, John Jr., and her husband, Command Sgt. Maj. L. Murray, U.S. Army



Expeditionary Contracting Command, were selected to be part of the advertising campaign and had their photo on a full-page spread in the July issue of Soldiers magazine. "I was volunteering at the Fort Belvoir North Post Child Development Center and the director said MWR was looking to showcase families that have been directly impacted by the Army Family Covenant," ▶ [Article](#)

## MP's make the cut for Warrior Police Challenge

Nine U.S. Army Alaska military police officers were physically and



mentally put to the test Aug. 6 - 7 at Fort Richardson during tryouts for the Warrior Police Challenge. MPs from throughout the Army will converge on Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Sept. 15 through Sept. 17 to compete for 72 consecutive hours in the challenge and USARAK Soldiers will be competing alongside them. The three primary Soldiers selected to compete at Fort Leonard Wood are Staff Sgt. Paul Ramos, 472nd Military Police Company; Spc. Joshua Terry, 164th Military Police

Company; and Pfc. Joshua Furbeck, 472nd MP Co. The three secondary competitors, who will participate in the event if the primary Soldiers are unable to compete, are Spc. James Teare Jr., 164th MP Co.; Spc. Anthony Cabassa, 164th MP Co. ▶ [Article](#)

